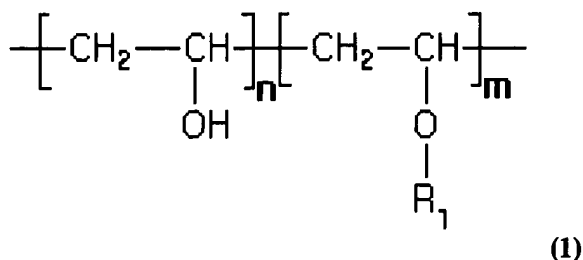


IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please AMEND claims 8 and 9 in accordance with the following:

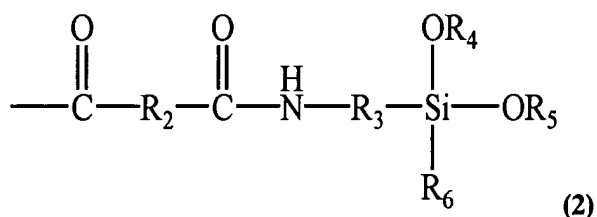
1. (original) A water-soluble, antimicrobial active polymer represented by Formula 1:



wherein:

n and m are the number of repeated units, n is 0.7-0.95 and m is 0.05-0.3 provided that $n+m=1$; and

R₁ is a silane derivative represented by Formula 2:



wherein:

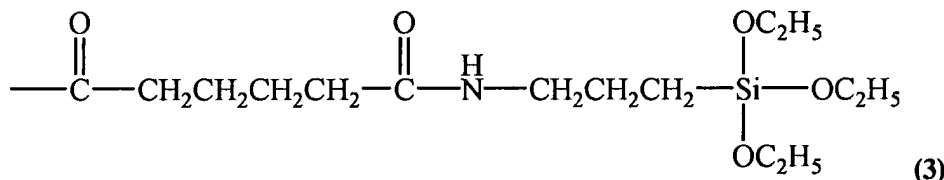
R₂ is selected from the group consisting of an alkylene of 1-30 carbon atoms, a heteroalkylene of 1-30 carbon atoms, an arylene of 6-20 carbon atoms, an arylalkylene of 6-20 carbon atoms, a heteroarylene of 6-30 carbon atoms, and a heteroarylalkylene of 6-30 carbon atoms, each of which is unsubstituted or substituted with a halogen, a hydroxyl, a nitro, a cyano, an amino, an amidino, a hydrazine, a hydrazone, carboxylic acid or a salt thereof, sulfonic acid or a salt thereof, phosphoric acid or a salt thereof, an alkyl of 1-20 carbon atoms, an alkenyl, an alkynyl, a heteroalkyl of 2-20 carbon atoms, an aryl of 6-20 carbon atoms, an arylalkyl of 6-30 carbon atoms, a heteroaryl of 6-30 carbon atoms, or a heteroarylalkyl of 6-30 carbon atoms;

R_3 is selected from the group consisting of an alkylene of 1-12 carbon atoms, an alkenylene or an alkynylene of 1-12 carbon atom, and a heteroalkylene of 1-12 carbon atoms, each of which is unsubstituted or substituted with a halogen, a hydroxyl, a nitro, a cyano, an amino, an amidino, a hydrazine, a hydrazone, carboxylic acid or a salt thereof, sulfonic acid or a salt thereof, phosphoric acid or a salt thereof, an alkyl of 1-20 carbon atoms, an alkenyl, an alkynyl, a heteroalkyl of 2-20 carbon atoms, an aryl of 6-20 carbon atoms, an arylalkyl of 6-30 carbon atoms, a heteroaryl of 6-30 carbon atoms, or a heteroarylalkyl of 6-30 carbon atoms;

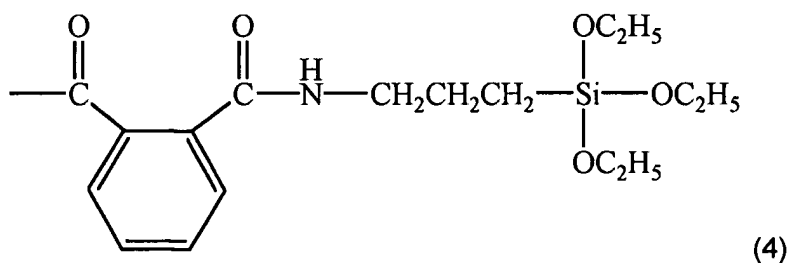
R_4 and R_5 are independently one of hydrogen, and an alkyl of 1-5 carbon atoms; and

R_6 is one of a hydrogen, a hydroxyl, and an alkoxyl of 1-5 carbon atoms.

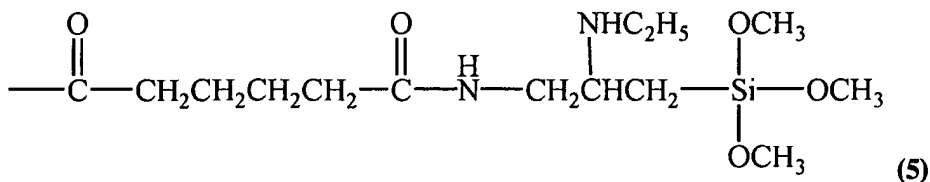
2. (original) The water-soluble, antimicrobial active polymer according to claim 1, wherein the silane derivative of the Formula 2 is a compound represented by Formula 3:



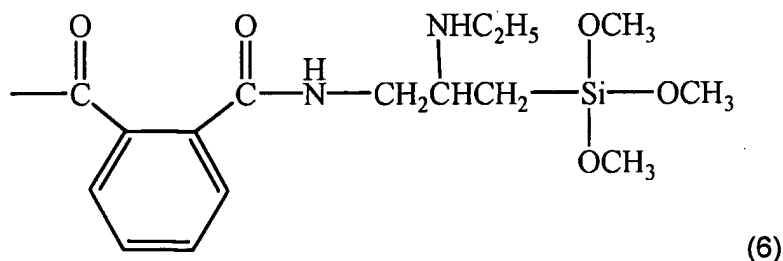
3. (original) The water-soluble, antimicrobial active polymer according to claim 1, wherein the silane derivative of the Formula 2 is a compound represented by Formula 4:



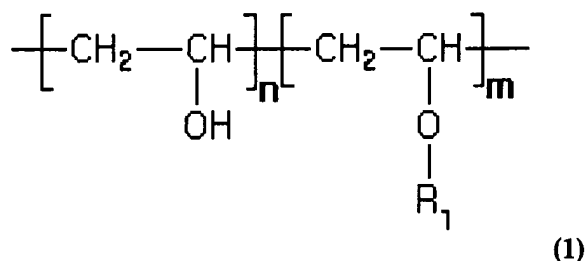
4. (original) The water-soluble, antimicrobial active polymer according to claim 1, wherein the silane derivative of the Formula 2 is a compound represented by Formula 5:



5. (original) The water-soluble, antimicrobial active polymer according to claim 1, wherein the silane derivative of the Formula 2 is a compound represented by Formula 6:



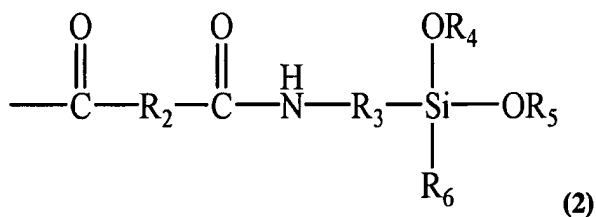
6. (original) An ink composition comprising:
a water-soluble, antimicrobial active polymer represented by Formula 1:



wherein:

n and m are the number of repeated units, n is 0.7-0.95 and m is 0.05-0.3 provided that n+m=1; and

R₁ is a silane derivative represented by Formula 2:



wherein:

R₂ is selected from the group consisting of an alkylene of 1-30 carbon atoms, a heteroalkylene of 1-30 carbon atoms, an arylene of 6-20 carbon atoms, an arylalkylene of 6-20 carbon atoms, a heteroarylene of 6-30 carbon atoms, and a heteroarylalkylene of 6-30 carbon atoms, each of which is unsubstituted or substituted with a halogen, a hydroxyl, a nitro, a cyano, an amino, an amidino, a hydrazine, a hydrazone, carboxylic acid or a salt thereof, sulfonic acid or a salt thereof, phosphoric acid or a salt thereof, an alkyl of 1-20 carbon atoms, an alkenyl, an alkynyl, a heteroalkyl of 2-20 carbon atoms, an aryl of 6-20 carbon atoms, an arylalkyl of 6-30 carbon atoms, a heteroaryl of 6-30 carbon atoms, or a heteroarylalkyl of 6-30 carbon atoms;

R₃ is selected from the group consisting of an alkylene of 1-12 carbon atoms, an alkenylene or an alkynylene of 1-12 carbon atom, and an heteroalkylene of 1-12 carbon atoms, each of which is unsubstituted or substituted with a halogen, a hydroxyl, a nitro, a cyano, an amino, an amidino, a hydrazine, a hydrazone, carboxylic acid or a salt thereof, sulfonic acid or a salt thereof, phosphoric acid or a salt thereof, an alkyl of 1-20 carbon atoms, an alkenyl, an alkynyl, a heteroalkyl of 2-20 carbon atoms, an aryl of 6-20 carbon atoms, an arylalkyl of 6-30 carbon atoms, a heteroaryl of 6-30 carbon atoms, or a heteroarylalkyl of 6-30 carbon atoms;

R₄ and R₅ are independently one of hydrogen, and an alkyl of 1-5 carbon atoms; and

R₆ is one of a hydrogen, a hydroxyl, and an alkoxyl of 1-5 carbon atoms;

a colorant; and

an aqueous medium.

7. (original) The ink composition according to claim 6, wherein the water-soluble, antimicrobial active polymer is added to the ink composition in an amount of 1 to 10 parts by weight based on 100 parts by weight of the ink composition.

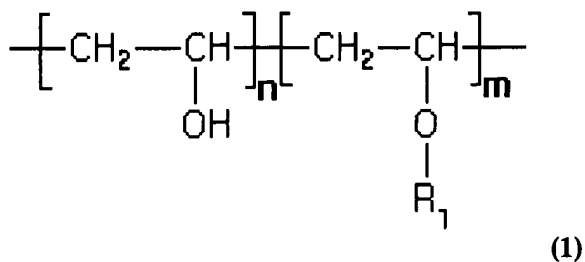
8. (currently amended) The ink composition according to claim 6, wherein the aqueous medium is one of water alone ~~and~~or water in combination with at least one organic solvent.

9. (currently amended) The ink composition according to claim 8, wherein the organic solvent comprises at least one of: a non-polyhydric alcohol, a ketone, [[:]] an ester, a polyhydric alcohol, a lower alkyl ether, a nitrogen-containing compound, ~~and~~or a sulfur-containing compound.

10. (original) The ink composition according to claim 6, further comprising a viscosity modifier, a surfactant, a storage stabilizer and a wetting agent.

11. (original) An ink composition comprising:

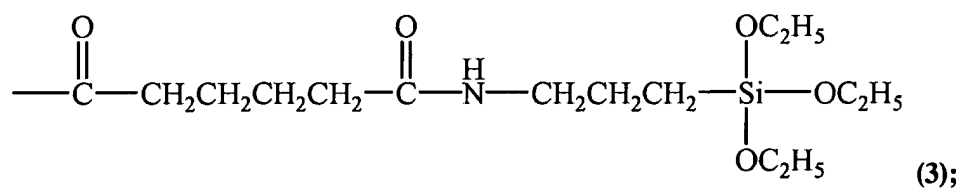
a water-soluble, antimicrobial active polymer represented by Formula 1:



wherein:

n and m are the number of repeated units, n is 0.7-0.95 and m is 0.05-0.3 provided that $n+m=1$; and

R_1 is a silane derivative represented by Formula 3:

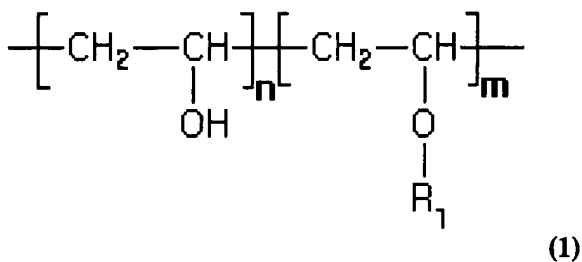


a colorant; and

an aqueous medium.

12. (original) An ink composition comprising:

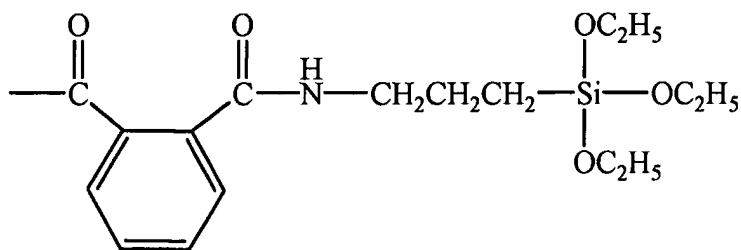
a water-soluble, antimicrobial active polymer represented by Formula 1:



wherein:

n and m are the number of repeated units, n is 0.7-0.95 and m is 0.05-0.3 provided that $n+m=1$; and

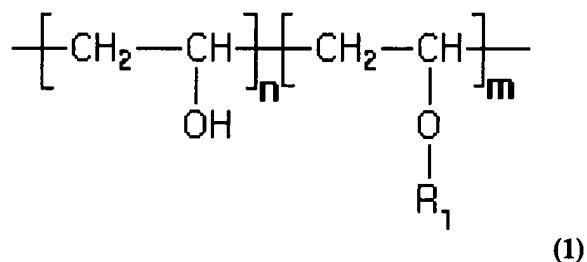
R_1 is a silane derivative represented by Formula 4:



a colorant; and
an aqueous medium.

13. (original) An ink composition comprising:

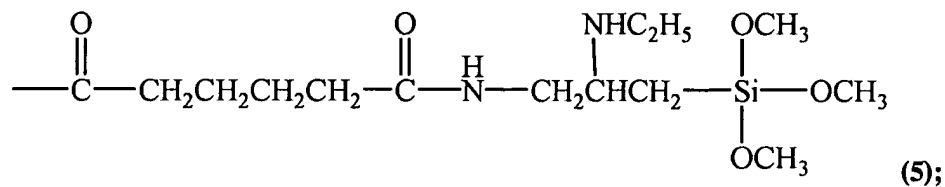
a water-soluble, antimicrobial active polymer represented by Formula 1:



wherein:

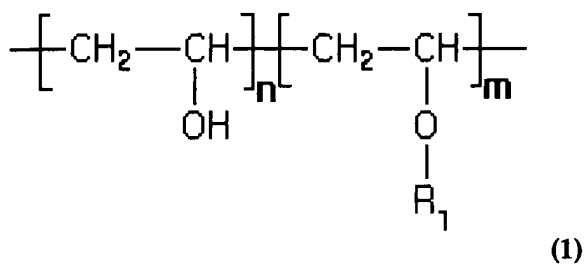
n and m are the number of repeated units, n is 0.7-0.95 and m is 0.05-0.3 provided that n+m=1; and

R₁ is a silane derivative represented by Formula 3:



a colorant; and
an aqueous medium.

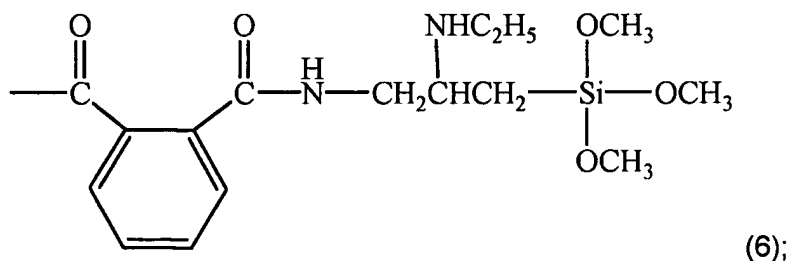
14. (original) An ink composition comprising:
a water-soluble, antimicrobial active polymer represented by Formula 1:



wherein:

n and m are the number of repeated units, n is 0.7-0.95 and m is 0.05-0.3 provided that $n+m=1$; and

R_1 is a silane derivative represented by Formula 6:



a colorant; and

an aqueous medium.

15. (original) The ink composition according to claim 9, wherein the non- polyhydric alcohol is at least one alcohol selected from the group consisting of methyl alcohol, ethyl alcohol, n-propyl alcohol, isopropyl alcohol, n-butyl alcohol, sec-butyl alcohol, t-butyl alcohol, and isobutyl alcohol.

16. (original) The ink composition according to claim 9, wherein the ketone is at least one ketone selected from the group consisting of acetone, methylethyl ketone, and diacetone alcohol.

17. (original) The ink composition according to claim 9, wherein the ester is at least one ester selected from the group consisting of ethyl acetate and ethyl lactate.

18. (original) The ink composition according to claim 9, wherein the polyhydric alcohol is at least one polyhydric alcohol selected from the group consisting of ethyleneglycol, diethyleneglycol, triethyleneglycol, propyleneglycol, butyleneglycol, 1,4-butanediol, 1,2,4-butanetriol, 1,5-pentanediol, 1,2,6-hexanetriol, hexyleneglycol, glycerol, glycerol ethoxylate, and trimethylolpropane ethoxylate.

19. (original) The ink composition according to claim 9, wherein the lower alkyl ether is at least one lower alkyl ether selected from the group consisting of ethyleneglycol monomethyl ether, ethyleneglycol monoethyl ether, diethyleneglycol methyl ether, diethyleneglycol ethyl ether, triethyleneglycol monomethyl ether, and triethyleneglycol monoethyl ether.

20. (original) The ink composition according to claim 9, wherein the nitrogen-containing compound is at least one nitrogen-containing compound selected from the group consisting of 2-pyrrolidone and N-methyl-2-pyrrolidon.

21. (original) The ink composition according to claim 9, wherein the sulfur-containing compound is at least one sulfur-containing compound selected from the group consisting of dimethyl sulfoxide, tetramethylenesulfone and thioglycol.